Poverty Alleviation Programmes

Food for Work Programmes

National IDD Control Programme

Kishori Shakti Yojana

Nutrition Education Programmes of FNB

Promotion of optional infant and young child feeding practices

Antodaya Anna Yojana

Public Health Measures-safedrinking water and sanitation

Objection to NCERT books on History

†1243. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether Government are aware that about two dozens social organizations have raised serious objection over some portions of ancient and medieval India included in the books of NCERT prescribed for 11th standard;

if so, the details thereof;

whether Government are considering to amend the constitution and pass the Protection of Culture Act to save ancient civilization and culture of the country and to constitute a National Commission for the Protection of Fundamental Rights of people;

if so, the details thereof; and

whether Government are considering to select historians at village and district levels as the members of the said commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The NCERT has intimated that till date since the reintroduction of the pre-2000 history textbooks from the academic session 2005-06, only 4 indviduals, claiming to represent social organizations, have written to NCERT, highlighting some objections to certain interpretations of historical facts mentioned in the NCERT's Ancient and Medieval India history textbooks for class XI. They are:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(i) Shri Kirpal Singh representing Govind Sadan Institute for Advanced Studies in Comparative Religion, Mehrauli, New Delhi-30;

(ii) Capt. Kr. Vikram Singh representing the Samyukt Kshatriya Mahasangh, Safdarjang Enclave, New Delhi-10;

(iii) Shri Paramjit Singh Sarna representing the Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee, New Delhi-01; and,

(iv) Shri Khilli Mal Jain representing the Digambar Jain Mahasamiti, Alwar-301001.

No, Sir.

and (e) Do not arise.

Translation of Textbooks

1244. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether Jamia Millia Islamia and NCERT would be jointly translating school textbooks in Urdu;

if so, whether Government are thinking of similar translation in other regional languages like Punjabi, Marathi, etc.; and

the number of Urdu medium schools of Middle and Secondary levels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir. NCERT has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Jamia Millia Islamia dated 14th September, 2005 whereby Jamia Millia Islamia will provide the Urdu translation of NCERT textbooks.

No, Sir. As per present policy, NCERT publishes school textbooks in English, Hindi and Urdu only.

Information on the number of Urdu medium schools is not available at the Central Government level as Education is in the concurrent list.

India's Rank in UNESCO Report

1245. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UNESCO's Education for All development index for 2004 has ranked India 105th out of 127; and